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SUBJ: CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 58837 AND KINSHASA 2580

1. AT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BULA MANDUNGU LATE MARCH 27 I TRIED PROBE HIS THINKING ABOUT ISSUES IN DEPT'S REFTEL. IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT HE HAS NOT THOUGHT ABOUT ISSUES DESPITE FACT HE HAS DISCUSSED CONFERENCE OR AT LEAST FRENCH INVITATION THERETO WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

2. FOR WHAT LITTLE IT IS WORTH, BULA DID SAY FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IN MEETING WITH HIM AT BANGUI HAD DESCRIBED CONFERENCE AS EFFORT RESOLVE BOTH WORLD TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PROBLEMS. HE THOUGHT THERE NEED FOR "PEREQUATION FUND" WHICH WOULD PERMIT INLAND AFRICAN STATES TO BUY THEIR OIL AT SAME PRICE AS COASTAL STATES. (I WOULD GUESS THIS REFLECTS DISCUSSION AT BENGUI WITH NUMBER LANDLOCKED AFRICAN STATES.) POLITICAL POSTURE OF ZAIRE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH ITS "AFRICAN VOCATION, NOT NARROW ZAIRIAN INTERESTS". AS FOR CONSULTING OTHER AFRICAN STATES, THAT HAD NOT YET BEEN DONE BUT WAS GOOD IDEA AND HE WOULD SEE WHAT HE COULD DO ON SIDE AT DAR ES SALAAM OAU CONFERENCE - WHICH, OF
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COURSE, WILL BE TOO LATE. FINALLY, AND PERHAPS THIS IS

HOPEFUL SIGN, HE SAID ZAIRE PERFECTLY AWARE MAJOR ISSUE
WAS ENERGY, ADMIRER WAY SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD NAMEUVERED
SITUATION, WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT BLINDLY FRENCH,
US
OR ALGERIAN POSITIONS, BUT ZAIRE, KNOWING ITS VOICE SMALL
ONE, WOULD PLAY MODEST ROLE IN SEARCH FOR "WORLD ECONOMIC
JUSTICE".

3. COMMENT: IF ANYONE HERE IS WORKING ON ISSUES, WE
HAVE YET TO FIND HIM.
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